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Fig. 1.

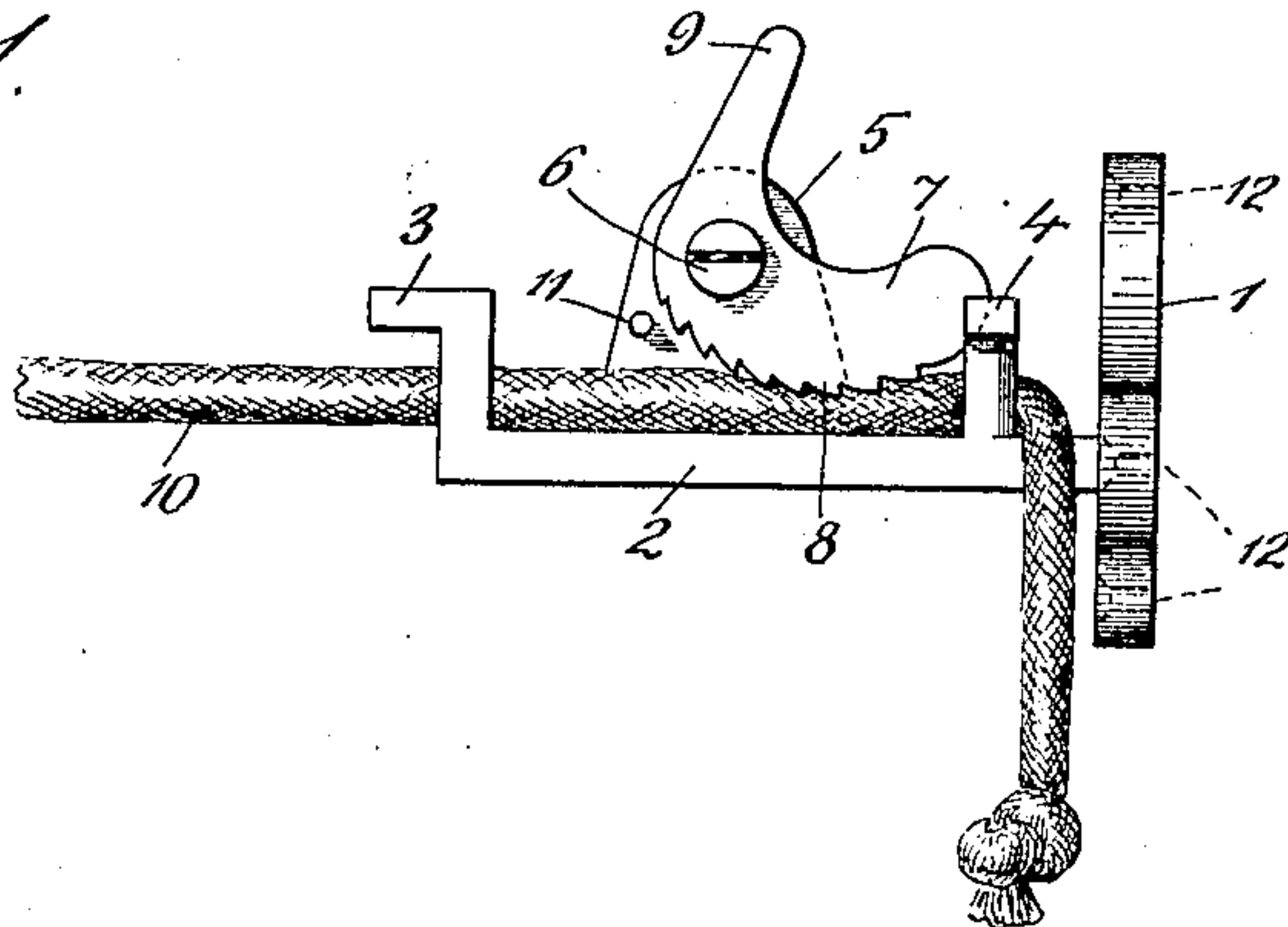


Fig. 2.

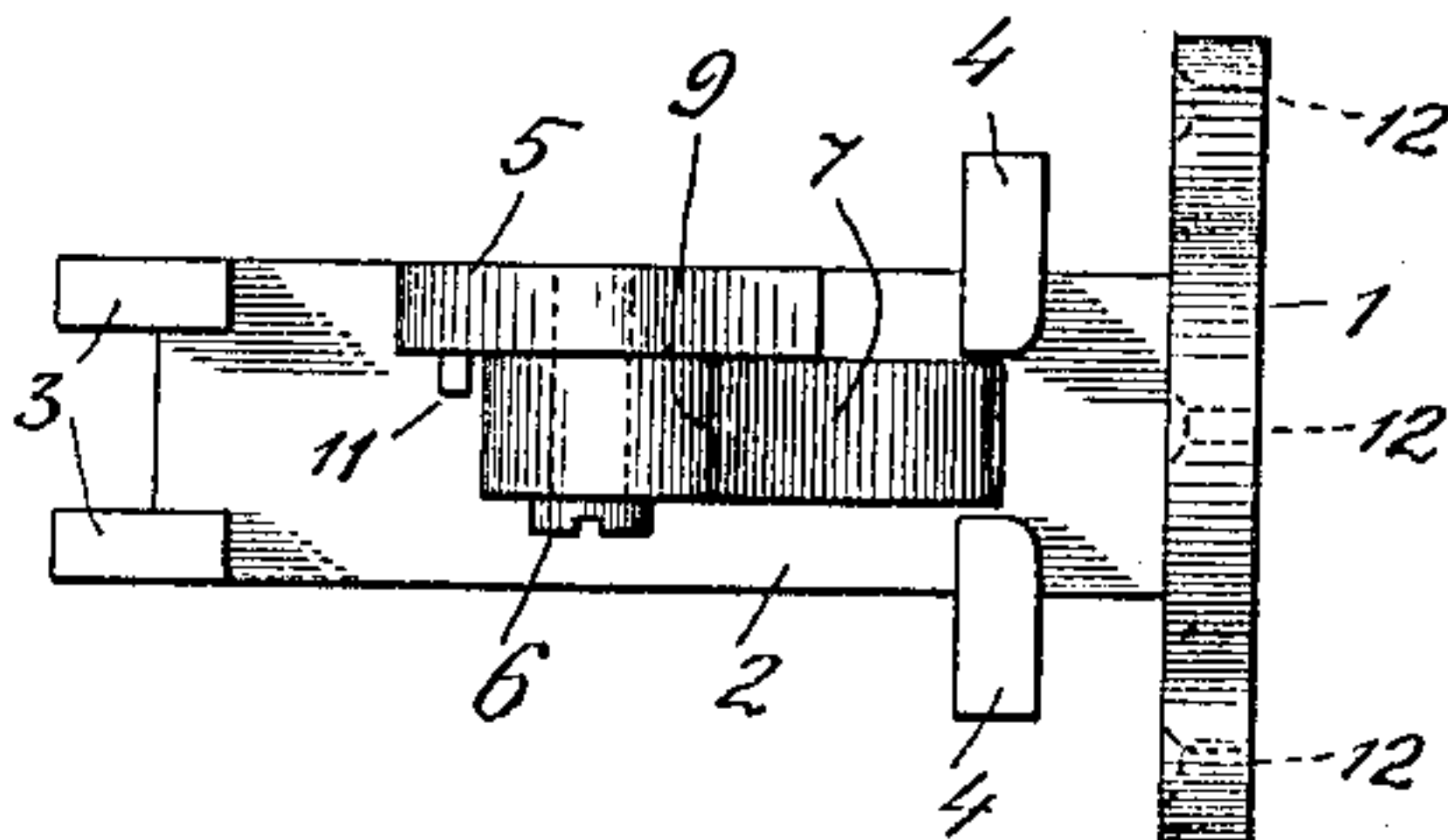


Fig. 3.

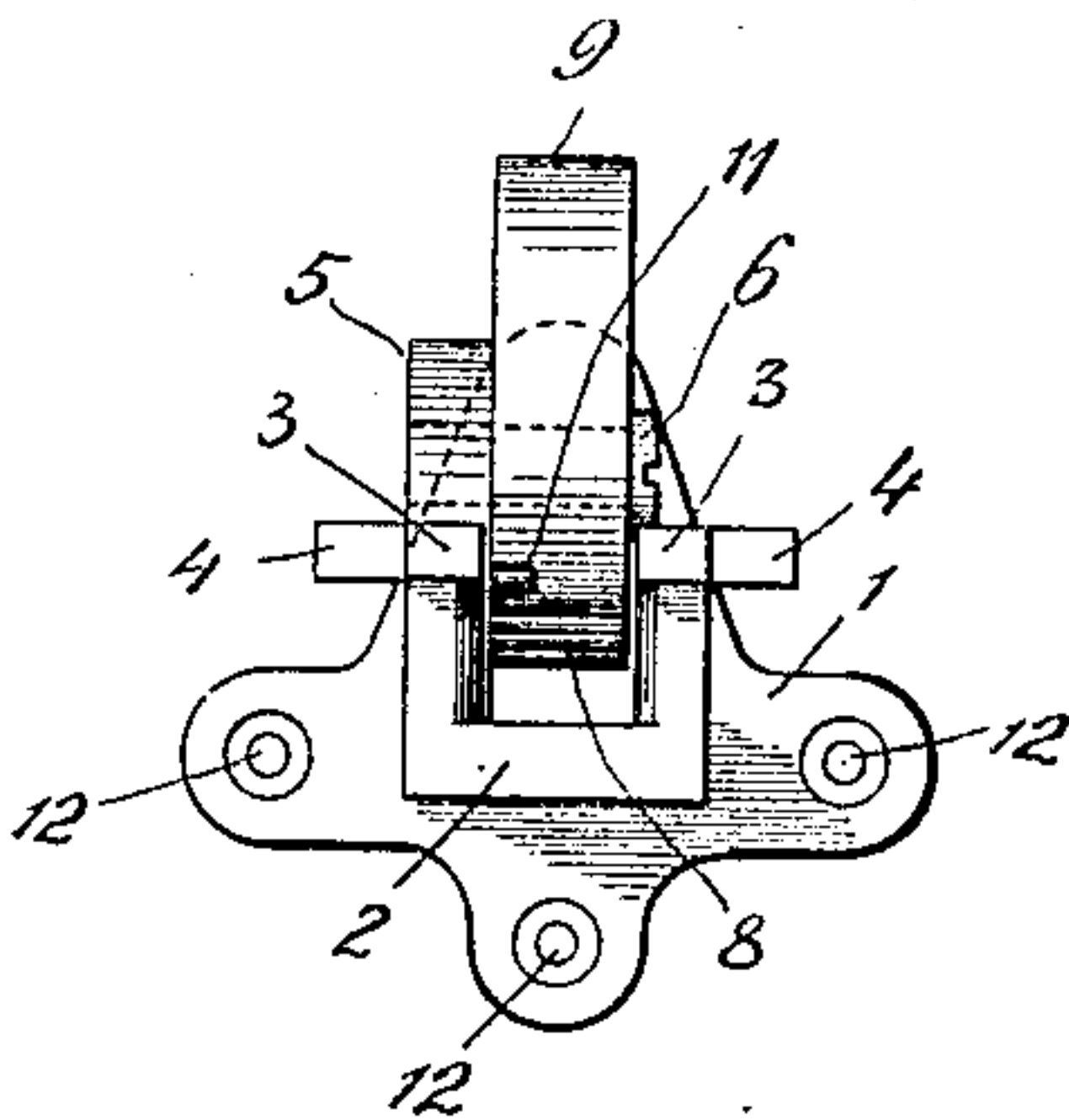
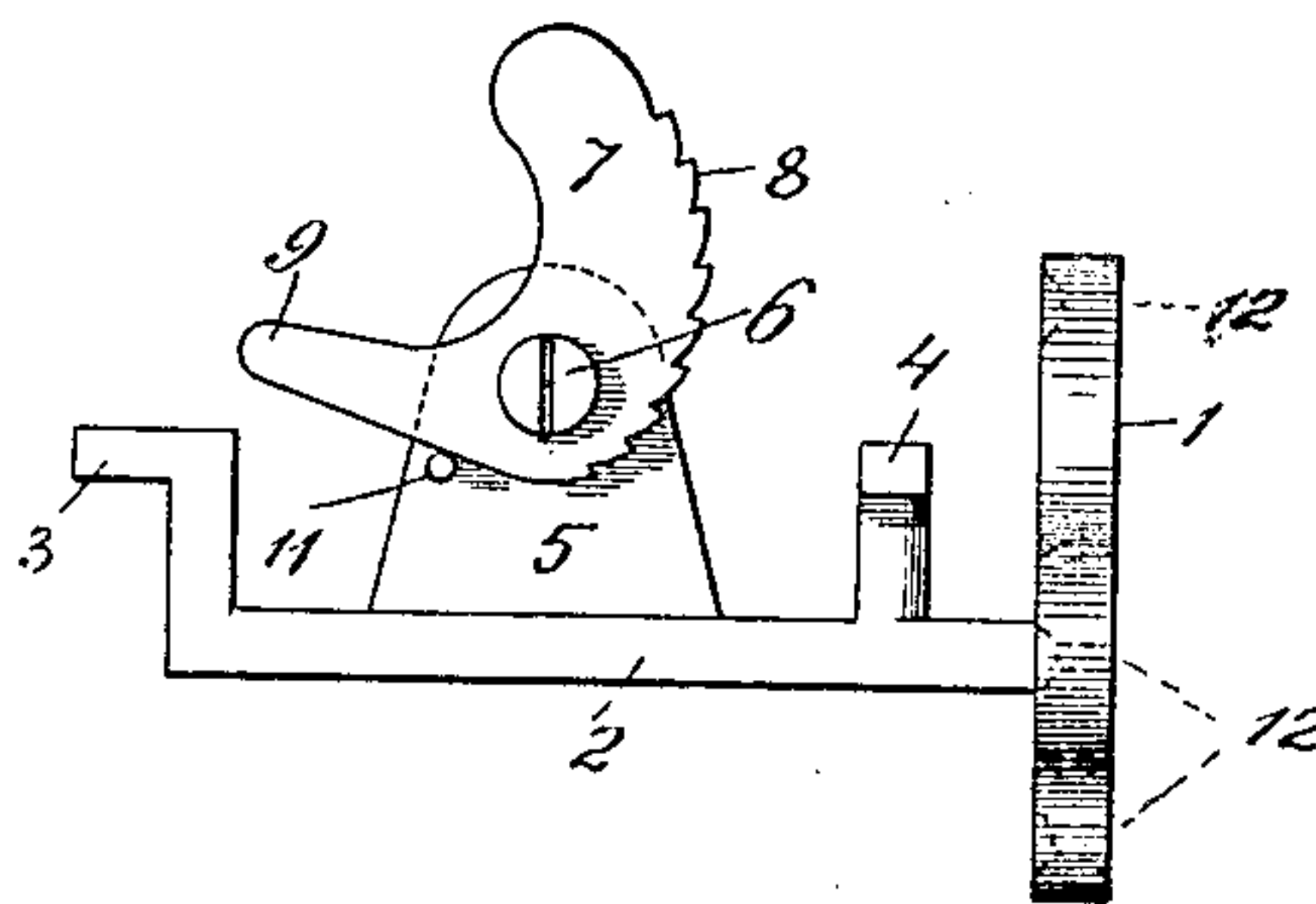


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PETER L. SCHMIDT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Line Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 This invention relates to a line holder particularly designed for holding a clothes line.

The objects of my invention are, first, to provide a simple and inexpensive clothes line holder; second, to obviate the necessity of tying a clothes line to a suitable support; third, to provide simple and effective means for gripping a clothes line; and fourth, to provide a suitable holder for a clothes line that can be secured to a suitable support.

20 I attain the above objects by a device that will be presently described and then specifically claimed.

Referring to the drawing forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my line holder. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same. Fig. 3 is a front elevation, and Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the holder with the locking pawl thereof in an open position.

30 To put my invention into practice, I provide a Maltese cross shaped plate 1 with a right angular extension 2 having its outer end provided with inverted L-shaped lugs 3, said lugs alining longitudinally with the extension 2. The extension 2 adjacent to the plate 1 is provided with right angular inverted L-shaped lugs 4, the object of which will presently appear.

40 Upon the extension 2 and at one side thereof, is a standard 5 having a pivot pin or screw 6 for a pivoted locking pawl 7, said pawl having its lower curved edge serrated or toothed, as at 8 while its pivoted end is provided with a handle 9. The locking pawl 7 is adapted to aline with the space between the lugs 3 and the lugs 4, this space accommodating a line 10.

50 To limit the upward movement of the pivoted pawl 7, I provide the standard 5 with a pin 11, which is engaged by the handle 9 of said pawl as seen in Fig. 4.

In order that the plate 1 can be secured to a suitable support (not shown), I provide said plate with openings 12 for screws or similar fastening means (not shown).

55 With the locking pawl in an open position, as shown in Fig. 4, the clothes line is placed between the lugs 3, under the pivoted pawl 7 and between one of the lugs 4 and the plate 1. When the locking pawl is closed the teeth 8 thereof will engage the line 10 and prevent the line from being pulled away from the outer end of the extension 2, but permits of the line being drawn towards the extension, whereby the same can be made taut before it is gripped by the locking pawl. 60 65

The upper end of the inverted L shaped lugs 3 and 4, maintains the line in engagement with said lugs particularly when the line extends at an angle to the extension 2. 70

It is apparent that I have devised a novel line holder that will firmly hold a line without tying the same, and I reserve the right to make the same of a non-corrosive metal and of any desired size. 75

Having now described my invention what I claim as new, is;—

A line holder comprising an end plate having openings formed therein, an extension carried thereby and projecting at right angles thereto, a pair of inverted L-shaped lugs carried by said extension at the free end thereof, a second pair of inverted L-shaped lugs carried by the extension adjacent the end plate, a standard carried by said extension adjacent one of the longitudinal edges thereof, a pawl pivoted to said standard and alining with the space between both of said pairs of lugs, said pawl having its lower face serrated to engage a line spaced between said pairs of lugs, and a pin carried by said standard for limiting the swinging movement of said pawl. 80 85 90

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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